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## SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING SEPTEMBER 2ND OF EVERY YEAR AS  
QUEEN LILIU'OKALANI'S BIRTHDAY IN THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, A  
NON-STATE HOLIDAY, AND COMMEMORATING QUEEN LILIU'OKALANI  
FOR HER OUTSTANDING COURAGE AND DEDICATION TO HER PEOPLE IN  
THE FACE OF OPPRESSION.

1 WHEREAS, there is a great need to promote and cultivate  
2 peace and civility in Hawai'i, the United States, and the world;  
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4 WHEREAS, Queen Liliu'okalani was a remarkable individual in  
5 Hawai'i's history, a brave individual who exemplified the  
6 highest qualities and characteristics of a world leader of peace  
7 during her reign as the last ruling monarch of the Kingdom of  
8 Hawai'i, until the eventual illegal overthrow of her monarchy on  
9 January 17, 1893; and  
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11 WHEREAS, U.S. Public Law 103-150, commonly referred to as  
12 the Apology Resolution, cited many of the historical  
13 circumstances that led to Queen Liliu'okalani's overthrow,  
14 including her noble act of peacefully yielding authority and  
15 control of Hawai'i to the United States in protest to prevent  
16 the potential bloodshed of her people and her faith that reason  
17 and the rule of law would prevail among U.S. leaders in the  
18 restoration of her throne; and  
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20 WHEREAS, Queen Liliu'okalani's resolve and commitment to  
21 her people is something that leaders of today should all aspire  
22 to emulate, particularly in light of the need to address the  
23 many challenges that face the people of Hawai'i today; and  
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25 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the people of Hawai'i annually  
26 commemorate Queen Liliu'okalani's birthday, to honor her, and to  
27 educate residents and visitors alike about her life and the  
28 importance of cultivating peace, and to ensure that her story is  
29 never forgotten; now, therefore,  
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2008,



1 that this body officially recognizes and acknowledges September  
 2 2nd of every year as Queen Liliu'okalani's Birthday in the State  
 3 of Hawai'i, a non-state holiday, and commemorates Queen  
 4 Liliu'okalani for her outstanding courage and dedication to her  
 5 people in the face of oppression; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes and  
 8 commends ongoing efforts of groups such as the Hawai'i Pono'i  
 9 Coalition, Queen Liliu'okalani Children's Center, Friends of  
 10 Iolani Palace, PU'A Foundation, American Friends Service  
 11 Committee, Native Hawaiian Civic Clubs of Hawai'i, and many  
 12 others who continue to speak in support of educational efforts  
 13 aimed at establishing a truthful and current understanding of  
 14 Queen Liliu'okalani's life, sacrifice, and contributions to the  
 15 Native Hawaiian people and the history of Hawai'i's past related  
 16 to the wrongful overthrow and illegal annexation of the Kingdom  
 17 of Hawai'i to the United States; and

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 19 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 20 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Hawai'i's  
 21 Congressional delegation, Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition, Queen  
 22 Liliu'okalani Children's Center, Friends of Iolani Palace, PU'A  
 23 Foundation, American Friends Service Committee, and Native  
 24 Hawaiian Civic Clubs of Hawai'i.

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